

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Martha Nagy, Susan Kadar, Chief Thomas, Bill Worthington, Roberta Lema, Bob and Joan Holt, Art Hultin, Nick Brown, Bob Weinstein, Deb Paine, Ansel Chaplin, Bill Golden, Derek Burritt of the Banner, and Marilyn Miller of the Cape Codder.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of February 20, 2007, as presented, and to hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Public Comment:** Ms. Holt asked the Board to co-sponsor an event for International Earth Day that is being planned by the Democratic Town Committee. They have obtained a copy of An Inconvenient Truth and are going to show it free of charge at the Truro Central School on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be followed by a presentation of works on key environmental issues created by the TCS 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. She stressed that this would be a by-partisan event; there is no Republican Town Committee at this time. While Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hartman both supported this event, they felt that the BOS should not sponsor anything by a political party. Mr. Gaechter didn't have that concern, but was of the opinion that there would not be a majority of the Board in favor and so he regretfully declined.

**Request from Helping Our Women:** Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the request from Helping Our Women to pass through Truro during their 7<sup>th</sup> annual By the Sea Bike Trek on June 9, 2007. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

**Request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society:** Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to pass through Truro during their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Great Mass Getaway MS 150 Bike Tour on June 23-24, 2007 and authorize the Chair to sign the form. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

**Part-time dispatcher:** Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Robert M. Tansey as a part-time dispatcher for the TPD. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

**Special Police Officer:** Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Francis A. Silva to be reappointed as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Truro. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Mr. Lucy, to avoid a conflict of interest, announced he would abstain because Mr. Silva is his wife's uncle. Vote: 4-0-1, with Mr. Lucy abstaining.

**Town Administrator's Report: (action items)**

- Gave the Board an overview on the Potassium Iodide (KI) distribution. The pills are

available at the Health Department Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gaechter said they should get the pills to the people who can't get to the Town Hall. He wondered if the COA could assist with this. Ms. Nolan will look into that. Chief Thomas said that the Police Department would assist also. The Board was assured that the supply of pills was enough to provide for the summer population increase. Mr. Gaechter thought they should also alert the TNRTA so that their people know to come to the Town Hall for the pills in summer. Ms. Worthington this information should also be on the website.

- Received an MMA alert regarding support for Governor Patrick's Municipal Partnership Act. The BOS authorized the Chair to call our Representatives and tell them that the BOS supports passage of this legislation.
- Reported that two citizens have expressed an interest in obtaining the carpentry shop which is being demolished in March. She asked if the BOS wanted to allow citizens to bed on in. The Board directed her to get more information from the DPW Director on the safety of the building, and from Town Counsel on the issue of liability. Mr. Worthington suggested having the Building Inspector check to see if the building is safe.

**Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)**

**Lucy:** -Commented on a letter to the editor in the March 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Cape Codder which attacked the BOS. He refuted four points made in the letter. Mr. Gaechter invited his colleagues to comment; each Selectman took the opportunity to comment.

**Gaechter:** -Reported that the Snow's Road house is on its foundation.

**Palmer:** -Reported that the BOH chose to rescind the well set back portion of their regulations. They will advertise and hold a public hearing on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They also plan to reconsider the bedroom definition at upcoming meetings; they will review the definitions used by other Cape towns.

**Worthington:** -Reported that the BOFE will come to the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to tell the Board about their plan for daytime coverage.

**Hartman:** -Reported that the Planning Board will come in to the BOS when their Subdivision Regulations are done.

**ATM Warrant review:** Mr. Hartman had some suggestions for the letter from the BOS in the Warrant and to the draft ATR that Mr. Gaechter had e-mailed to each member. It was decided that editorial comments on the Warrant would wait for another meeting. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the Selectmen's ATR as edited by Mr. Hartman. Mr. Palmer seconded it.**

**Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Ms. Nolan asked the Board if they would like to exclude the \$100k brush cutter from the CIP and put it in an exclusionary Article instead. The consensus was to do so. Mr. Gaechter said that he wants to do the most they can to not have an override this year. Ms. Nolan said that revenue figures will be in, and they will have an estimate of free cash for the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Article 1-3: Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Article 4 & 5: No vote taken.**

**Article 6: Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0,**

**unanimous.**

**Article 7: Mr. Gaechter moved to recommend. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Article 8 & 9: Mr. Palmer moved to recommend. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Next week's agenda:** Executive Session first, Supt. Price of CCNS, BOFE, continued budget and ATM warrant review. Mr. Gaechter suggested they begin the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

**At 6:59 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Mr. Gaechter reconvened the meeting for one more item. The Board has received a request for a letter of support for a grant that Payomet Performing Arts is applying for. **Mr. Gaechter moved to send a letter of support to the Massachusetts Cultural Council on behalf of Payomet Performing Arts and authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Palmer seconded it. 5-0, unanimous.**

**At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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Curtis Hartman

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Janet W. Worthington

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